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Carmel Performing Arts Center Plans Reveal A World-Class Facility

A magnificent initial plan for the Carmel Performing Arts Center was unveiled at Carmel City Hall. Mayor Jim Brainard, the Carmel Redevelopment Commission and members of the City Council presented the design and layout of this landmark building.

No residential property taxes will be used for this project and there will be no negative impact to the city's tax rate.

The design revealed that



the building will have a Neo-classical style to complement the surrounding City Center development. The Center will include two performance spaces, a 1,600-seat concert hall and

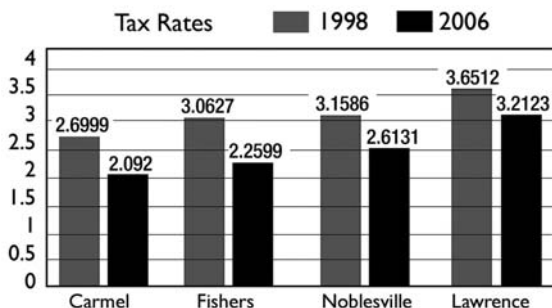
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Carmel has engaged a world-class design team: David M. Schwarz Architectural Services of Washington D.C., as design architect, and Artec Consultants of New York as acoustics and theatre planning consultants. The Carmel firm CSO Schenkel Shultz will be the architect of record. Construction will begin in 2007. The concert hall is scheduled to open in the fall of 2010.

Let's Compare

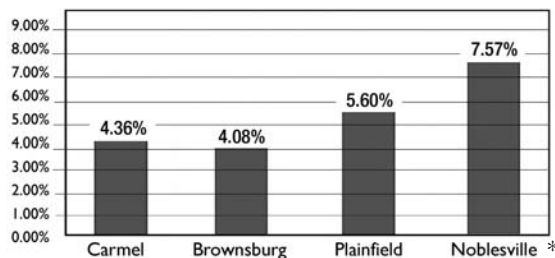
Comparison of Tax Rates

The City of Carmel has the lowest tax rates in the State for a city its size or larger.



Government Debt

Total City Debt
As a Percentage Of Assessed Value



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* Source: Bond selling documents recently published by the respective units. Revised Oct. 31, 2006
This comparison is intended to show Carmel's debt compared to other fast growing cities.

A Message from the Mayor



Mayor Jim Brainard

In this issue of the newsletter, read about the exciting designs for the Carmel Performing Arts Center. The quality of the architectural design, acoustics and audience and performance accommodations in the Center will be at the very highest level. It will serve as a regional cultural resource for citizens throughout Central Indiana.

A dedication ceremony was held for the unveiling of the nine-foot bronze statue that will be the focus of the Carmel Clay Veterans Memorial. The statue is a visible reminder of the sacrifice men and women in the military have made to protect our great country.

At our annual Veterans Day Ceremony, we honored those who have served in our armed forces.

One of our primary goals is to create a City that has a strong sense of community. Events such as the International Arts Festival and Holiday on the Square create opportunities for our residents and visitors to come together and experience camaraderie and fun. The Carmel Arts and Design District and City Center will also serve as central downtown districts where people will gather to enjoy shopping, restaurants, art galleries and performances.

At this time of the year, we often reflect on those things for which we are most grateful. I am grateful for the talented people who work with me to make this City a great place to live and work and for our generous community partners and volunteers. I wish you and your families a very peaceful holiday season and a happy new year.

As always, please feel free to e-mail or call me with any comments you may have concerning our community. I welcome your input.

Very truly yours,
Jim Brainard
Mayor Jim Brainard

Arts Center - continued

a 500-seat theatre. A true concert hall, like the one planned for the Performing Arts Center, is a single-room, where the performers are in the same space as the audience. A purpose-built concert hall, unlike a theatre or opera house, has no wings or

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—Mayor Jim Brainard

a fly tower, which can dissipate sound from the musicians on stage.

“This will certainly be the most significant building to be constructed in Indiana this century,” said Mayor Jim Brainard. “The world-class

architects and acoustical consultants hired have presented us with a stunning plan from which to start to craft our final plan for the concert hall.”

A Cultural Magnet for the Region

The performance and audience accommodations, architectural design and acoustics will be at the highest of international standards. This will enable the Center to present top regional, national international artists and ensembles. It will also be the performance home of a number of Indianapolis-area groups that currently perform in less than suitable venues.

The concert halls programming will encompass a wide variety of entertainment including symphony, choral and instrumental concerts of varying musical genres as well as dance and ballet. Both will also be made available to community

Carmel Performing Arts Center Facts	
Design Architect	David M. Schwarz
Architect of Record	CSO Schenkel Shulz
Acoustics	Artec Consultants
Seats	1,600
Boxes	51
# of Box Seats	300 (included in the 1,600 count)
Box Seat Groupings	Sets of 4, 6, 8 and one box of 18
Building Height	99 feet
Square Footage	151, 000
Side Lobbies	Two with open atrium to two levels
Front Stairwell Lobbies	Two with stairs wrapping around open atrium to three levels
Hall Features	Center Oculus Skylight
Construction Period	Three years
Groundbreaking	Spring 2007

and school groups.

“The Center will serve as a major economic development engine for the region,” explained Mayor Brainard. “It

will be a huge cultural magnet for companies considering relocating to the Indianapolis area, further strengthening our economic base.”



Carmel City Hall



Mayor Delivers the State of the City Address

Mayor Jim Brainard delivered an upbeat report on the state of the City in his address at the Carmel Clay Chamber of Commerce luncheon. In his speech, he highlighted the City's strong financial position. Carmel continues to have the lowest tax rates in the state for a city its size or larger. Because of strong fiscal management, the city received strong bond ratings from Moody's and Standard and Poors. "Excellent fiscal management.....particularly impressed with 5-year budgeting and capital plan that's continually updated," noted Moody's Investors Services in its report. The sewer and water rates continue to be low.

City Receives Livability Award for Roundabouts

In addition to a solid financial report, Carmel was recently awarded the Honorable Mention City Livability Award for its roundabout initiative. Roundabouts have had a positive impact on the city. Recent local statistics show that accidents are less serious and less expensive at roundabout intersections. In

addition to being safer, roundabouts are more cost effective, environmentally friendly and improve traffic flow. The City has requested ownership of a portion of Keystone Avenue from the State in order to improve traffic flow on this major artery. The Mayor has proposed installing roundabout interchanges with bridges over a lowered roadway.

Performing Arts Center, City Center and Arts and Design District Form Core Downtown Area

One of the City's primary goals is to create a central downtown district that will contribute to building a strong sense of community. In his speech, Mayor Brainard outlined the progress being made toward

that goal. Two initiatives, City Center and The Arts and Design District, are transforming the center of the city. Plans for a world-class Performing Arts Center to be built in Carmel City Center will be a regional magnet for arts and culture. The City of Carmel, which will own the Performing Arts Center, has committed \$80 million in Tax Increment Financing (TIF) toward the design and construction. No residential property taxes will be used for this project and there will be no negative impact to the city's tax rate. Mayor Brainard explained that the benefits of using TIF funds to finance bonds for public projects like this are many, including an increased amount of commercial taxes derived from the new development of the area, and attracting \$350 million of private invest-

ment to adjacent City Center development.

In his concluding remarks, the Mayor noted that the dream of a central downtown district is closer than ever to becoming a reality. Work has begun on City Center which will create a hub of activity with cultural, residential, commercial and business amenities drawing people together. The Arts and Design District is attracting the community to its public art displays, galleries, shops, quaint restaurants and events. Plans to continue to expand both areas are well underway.

"As we look at the future for Carmel," said Mayor Jim Brainard. "It looks bright. Soon we will have a vibrant core downtown district. The Monon Center and Central Park will make the area even more attractive. As we continue to grow, we are able to provide the infrastructure to accommodate the expansion in ways that make our city more livable."

Benefits of Tax Increment Financing

The Performing Arts Center, will be owned by the City of Carmel, which has committed \$80 million in Tax Increment Financing (TIF) towards the project's design and construction. The benefits of using TIF funds to finance bonds for public projects like this are many. TIF does not use residential property taxes, but instead uses the increased amount of commercial taxes derived from the new development of the area. These are funds that would not be available if the city did not partner with developers to make the project financially feasible. These projects bring

other private investments to the area. For example, because of the City's support of the Performing Arts Center, \$350 million of private investment has been promised to adjacent City Center development.

There is no loss of revenue with TIF financed public projects. The City still receives the taxes it received prior to the TIF district as well as residential property taxes and other income taxes. In addition, for every dollar that goes into the TIF, the State adds an additional 58 cents. TIF proceeds can only be used for public infrastructure by developers.



Possible treatment for Keystone and 126th Street. Roundabout Interchanges include two bridges over a lowered roadway.

Carmel City Council and Rotary Club Award Checks to Long Beach Mayor

Long Beach Mayor Billy Skellie visited Carmel earlier in the fall. During his visit, Mayor Skellie spoke at the Carmel Rotary Club, where he was presented with two checks to help the City of Long Beach recover from the devastation brought on by Hurricane Katrina. The City Council voted to appropriate \$10,000 in funds to Long Beach. In addition, the Carmel Rotary Club presented a check to Mayor Skellie in the amount of \$5,000. The Rotary funds were raised by passing a bucket at Carmelfest. "We were pleased to host Mayor Skellie's visit to Carmel," said Mayor Jim Brainard. "The City of Carmel is committed to assisting Long Beach as it continues to rebuild."

Carmel Donates Street Sweeper

Two Long Beach city employees visited the City of Carmel in October to learn how to operate a street sweeper. Carmel donated to Long Beach. Carmel is retiring the vehicle



City Councilman, Rick Sharp, Joe Griffiths, and Ron Carter present a check to Long Beach Mayor Billy Skellie and wife Pat for Katrina recovery.

from its fleet.

Long Beach still has a long way to go to recover. To make a tax deductible financial contribution directly to the City of Long Beach, MS, please make checks payable to "Disaster Relief and Recovery Fund" and send it to: City of Long Beach, Disaster Relief & Recovery Fund, c/o Long Beach, MS, P.O. Box 929, Long Beach, MS 39560

To stay aware of other city initiatives to assist Long Beach in its recovery efforts, please visit the City of Carmel's website.



Keith D. Smith

Mayor Jim Brainard named Keith D. Smith as incoming Fire Chief for the Carmel Clay Fire Department. The appointment will be effective January 2, 2007. Smith will assume his position when the current Fire Chief, Doug Callahan retires from the fire service assuming his position as Clay township trustee

A selection committee formed by Mayor Brainard to evaluate candidates for this position felt Smith was well-prepared to lead the department. With 41 years of fire service experience and his previous experience as Fire Chief of the Indianapolis Fire Department for eight years he has strong qualifications to oversee a fire department of Carmel's size.

"Keith Smith is an excellent choice for our new Fire Chief," said Mayor Jim Brainard. "Our firefighters felt strongly that the new Fire Chief should be someone who worked his way up through the ranks."

Mayor Names Keith Smith Fire Chief for 2007

Smith started his career in 1965 as a firefighter in the Indianapolis Fire Department and was promoted through the ranks. He has held positions of Lieutenant, Captain, Division Chief/Shift Commander and Assistant Fire Chief. From 2000-2002, Smith served as Battalion Chief and Director of Corporate Development. He served as Battalion Chief in the Administration of the Department's Corporate Partners Program from 2002-2003. He also was chosen by the City of Indianapolis as full-time staff for the 2001 World Police and Fire Games Office. Smith also holds a degree from Indiana University and was selected for participation in the Executive Office program at the National Fire Academy.

"Keith has the first-hand experience we were looking for in a candidate," explained Mayor Brainard. "He also has had experience with a large workforce and a substantial budget. He will be an asset to the Carmel Clay Fire Department."



Illinois Street Extension

Drivers traveling north/south through Carmel now have an alternate route to congested U.S. 31. The Illinois Street extension from south of 116th Street to 131st Street is complete.

"As our City grows," said Mayor Jim Brainard, "we strive to provide the infrastructure to keep traffic flowing smoothly.

The completion of this phase of the Illinois Street Extension will increase the accessibility to businesses located on Illinois Street and eliminate some of the congestion on north/south roadways."

To avoid confusion, the portion of 126th Street west of U.S. 31 to the newly constructed Illinois Street will be

renamed West Carmel Drive. To maintain consistency, Meridian Corners Boulevard will be renamed Illinois Street. Address numbers will remain the same, just the street names will change. West Carmel Drive and Illinois Street signs are already installed; however, the name changes will be effective January 1, 2007.

Main Street Improvements Spruce Up the Area

Come see for yourself!! Improvements recently completed on Main Street from the Monon Trail west to 4th Ave. SW gave the area a fresh new look. Along with curbs and sewers, on-street parking and streetlights were installed on both sides of the roadway. On the north side of the street, sidewalks, decorative pavers and street trees were added. A roundabout was constructed at the intersection of Main Street and 4th Avenue SW to keep traffic flowing smoothly. This construction project was opened ahead of schedule in November. The majority of the project was done as a hyperfix, where the street is



totally closed to allow crews to complete the task in less time and for less money than leaving the roadway partially opened.

Typically, a road project will take at least twice as long and cost twice as much if done while traffic is using the road.

The improvements give the Arts and Design District a uniform look, making the area more attractive to merchants and visitors.

"The City is committed to creating an Arts and Design

District that will attract visitors from near and far," said Mayor Jim Brainard. "These improvements create an attractive streetscape, drawing more people to the area."



Doug Haney

City Attorney Haney Recognized at Professional Conference

Carmel City Attorney Doug Haney was named an Association Of International Municipal Lawyers (IMLA) Local Government Fellow at the group's annual conference in Portland, Oregon. Haney was presented with a plaque that recognized his achievement as an IMLA Local Government Fellow, an earned designation.

The award was established to recognize those who excel as specialists in the field of local government law and to encourage attorney proficiency and competency in the local government legal field. As part of the process, applicants are required to submit letters of

recommendation from at least five attorneys attesting to the ability of the applicant in the field of local government law. In addition, they must earn Continuing Legal Education credits in the field of local government law on both the state and national levels and they must pass a written examination. Only five attorneys nationwide will achieve the honor of IMLA Local Government Fellow this year.

"I am proud to have such an experienced, dedicated professional on our staff," said Mayor Jim Brainard. "Doug's expertise in his field has greatly benefited our City."

High Tech Company Chooses Carmel To Locate Corporate Headquarters

Earlier this fall, Governor Mitch Daniels, Council President Rick Sharp and executives from Interactions Corporation announced Carmel would be the company's new corporate headquarters. The business develops innovative computer software for automated customer service.

"Interactions Corporation is high-tech and fast growing, exactly the kind of company we need to balance and diversify the Indiana economy," said Governor Daniels. "Anytime we can bring high-paying jobs like the ones Interactions

Corporation will bring to Indiana, it's a great day."

Originating in New Jersey, Interactions Corporation moved its corporate headquarters to Clay Terrace in Carmel, where it plans to create approximately 240 new jobs. The company has created an innovative service utilizing Interaction's Intent Recognition System.

Organizations using the new technology will be able to allow their customers to describe an issue in their own words and be helped immediately or transferred to the correct agent.

The Indiana Economic

Development Corporation (IEDC), along with the City of Carmel and the Hamilton County Alliance, worked with Interactions Corporation to relocate the company to Carmel.

"We are very pleased to welcome Interaction Corporation," said Councilor Sharp. "It is the type of technology-related business we welcome to the community. Interaction's location in Clay



Sage Kleczynski, Interaction CEO, Michael Cloran, Governor Mitch Daniels, Indiana State Representative for Hamilton County, Cindy Noe and Carmel Council President Rick Sharp view Interaction software.

Terrace lifestyle center demonstrates the relationship between creating high quality commercial developments and successfully attracting new businesses to the area."

Holiday on the Square



Holiday on the Square Celebrates the Season

Carmel's annual holiday lighting ceremony, Holiday on the Square, was a festive event for all who attended. At dusk on the Saturday before Thanksgiving, Mayor Jim Brainard, turned on the lights, illuminating the trees in Civic Square. Santa and his two reindeer stopped in from the North Pole to visit with the children.

Children lined up for their photos with Santa. Jugglers, carolers, and balloon artists strolled through the grounds. Holiday entertainment was provided by the Clay Middle School Choir, Carmel Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet and Central Indiana Dance Ensemble.

Guests placed unwrapped gifts for those in need in the local community under the "Giving Tree" at the Civic Square Gazebo.

Sponsors included Bluegreen Resorts, Bright House Networks, Buckingham Properties, Chipotle, Clarian North Medical Center, Crossroads Engineers, Douglas Haney and family, Drees Premier Homes, Kipp Brothers Toys & Novelty, The McCune family, Marsh, Meijer, Meridian

Music, Pedcor Companies, Ryland Homes, St. Vincent Carmel Hospital, Shapiro's Delicatessen, Sign-A-Rama, Simon Property Group, Starbucks, Vine & Branch, White's Ace Hardware and Wild Oats Market.

"This is a festive tradition in our community many of us look forward to each year," said Mayor Brainard. "We are fortunate to have so many generous sponsors. Community events like this would not be possible without their support."

Streets in Old Town Realigned to Improve Traffic Flow

Phase One of the 3rd Avenue SW and 4th Avenue SW realignment is complete. In two phases, the project will realign 3rd Avenue SW so that it continues to Main Street at the existing 4th Avenue SW intersection. It will complete a north/south corridor connecting Carmel Drive and Main Street.

Phase One included from

2nd Street SW to Main Street, and the reconstruction of the intersection of 2nd Street SW and 4th Avenue SW. Phase Two from 2nd Street SW to Industrial Drive will be constructed in the spring and will include the realignment portion of the project.

The road improvements will reconstruct existing roadway to

include two lanes of travel, on-street parking on the east side of 4th Avenue, a sidewalk and curbing and storm water drainage. "We continue to invest in our infrastructure in the Old Town area," said Mayor Jim Brainard, "especially as City Center and the Arts and Design District begin to take shape."

Other Road Improvements

The following other road improvements have been completed:

- Gray Road from 96th Street to 106th Street.
- A new roundabout at 96th Street and Springmill Road.

Holiday Festivities Attract Visitors to Arts & Design District

"Holiday in the Arts District," hosted by the Carmel Redevelopment Commission and area merchants provided an entertaining destination for visitors and residents. Events took place the first three Saturdays of December.

Shoppers visiting the District enjoyed free events such as carriage rides, elves with live reindeer, strolling carolers and a visit from Santa! In addition, visitors had a chance to be part of a free hourly drawing to win gifts and services such as a free one-hour massage, home decorations, design consultations or a designer handbag—all donated by merchants of the District.

A tree lighting ceremony took place Saturday, December 2 at dusk. Winners of the student holiday art work contest and event sponsors were announced at the ceremony. All student artwork was displayed in the Arts and Design District Office and throughout the District in merchants' stores.

Merchants also joined in the fun with festive activities in their stores. "This was a great event to attract more visitors to the Arts and Design District," said Ron Carter, president of the Carmel Redevelopment Commission. "The merchants were thrilled to have more traffic in their stores and new visitors were introduced to the District's unique shopping and dining venues. We are grateful for the companies and merchants who helped sponsor this wonderful holiday event."



Arts and Design District Thanks Holiday Sponsors

We are pleased to have had the following businesses as sponsors for the Holiday in the Arts and Design District festivities:

Artichoke Designs, B. Meylor Interiors, Bub's Burgers and Ice Cream, Christian Science Reading Room, Deborah De Fazio Lyons Portrait Studio, Duke Energy, Grosser & Co. Master Jewelers, Inc., Gunstra Builders, Lucky Lou, Museum of Miniature Houses, National City Bank, Old National Bank, Old Town on the Monon Loft Apartments, Old Town Carmel Bed & Breakfast, Pedcor Development Company, Petals and Fine Gifts, Stenz Corporation, Teresa Chapman State Farm, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #10003 and White's Ace Hardware & Garden Center.

Community Events



9th Annual International Arts Festival Attracts Many Visitors

Over 125 artists from all over the world displayed their artwork in Carmel at the 9th Annual International Arts Festival. Main Street was closed, so the festival could be held in the growing Arts and Design District. Artists from as far as Kawachinagano, Japan, Carmel's sister city, displayed their work. "It's impressive that close to 20,000 people attended this years festival despite the bad weather we had that day," said Rosemary Water, Director of the Arts festival.

New Art Gallery Opens in Arts & Design District

Deborah Lyons Studio and Gallery opened in the Arts and Design District with a grand celebration. A ribbon cutting ceremony marked the opening of the first art gallery in the growing district. "We are proud to welcome Deborah Lyons Studio to our community," said Mayor Jim Brainard. "Deborah is a talented artist whose work attracts a nationwide audience."

At the opening, Lyons displayed many of her portrait paintings as well as showcased some of her larger oil paintings. Lyons paints people and pets



from live settings or photographs. Some of her more notable portraits include a well-known politician, an astronaut and an American soldier who fought in Iraq.

Lyons is an accomplished portrait artist of 20 years.

Throughout her career, she has been commissioned to paint more than 2,000 portraits. Lyons plans to display her portraits as well as paint during business hours at her new gallery. For more information on the Deborah DeFazio Lyons Studio and Gallery, please visit www.deborahlyonsportraits.com.

Former Police Officer Authors Civil War Book

Retired former Carmel Police Major, now published author, John Etter, signed copies of his new book, *The Indiana Legion, A Civil War Militia*, at the Carmel-Clay Historical Society in November.

After retiring from the Carmel Police Department last year, Etter completed his Masters in History from Butler University. Over the years, Etter has studied the Civil War and participated in Civil War re-enactments. His extensive interest in this period of history led to his publishing his new book.



John Etter



(Front l to r) Lilly Hakins, Kate Biggs, Pam Baker, Kim Rott, Judge Gail Bardach and Mayor Jim Brainard
(Middle l to r) Connie May, Deb Hughes, and Officer Tony Lovitt
(Back l to r) Officer Mike Miller, Retired officer Greg Miller, Officer Andy Gerdt and Officer Dan Mathews.

City Recognizes Judge Bardach's Long Service

Carmel Judge Gail Bardach was recognized for her 13 years of service with the City of Carmel at the City Council meeting on Monday, December 4th. Mayor Jim Brainard named Judge Bardach a Range Line Pioneer, which recognizes her friendship with Carmel over the years and its impact on Carmel's future. City Council President Rick Sharp presented to Judge Bardach a plaque with a picture of City Hall and her years of service to the City of Carmel, thanking her for her dedication

and support of the City. Judge Bardach's staff presented to her a plaque with her nameplate from her desk and each of their engraved signatures underneath. In addition to the two plaques, Judge Bardach will also be honored with a remembrance that will hang in her court room—a photo of her with the years of service enumerated underneath.



Judge Gail
Bardach



Veteran's Memorial Statue Unveiled

Created to honor our past, present and future military personnel, a spectacular nine-foot bronze statue was dedicated at the Carmel Clay Veterans Memorial in October. The statue depicts a kneeling male soldier and standing female soldier raising the flag after battle. Sculpted by Indiana artist Bill Wolfe, the statue is the focal point of the Carmel Clay Veterans Memorial.

"This memorial statue commemorates the huge sacrifice our armed services personnel have made to protect this great country," said Mayor Jim Brainard. "It will forever be a landmark in Carmel, inviting all who pass to pause and remember those who served our great nation."

Funds for the \$350,000 sculpture were raised over the past 18 months by the Carmel Clay Veterans Memorial Corporation, a non-profit group. Monies were collected for the memorial through cash donations and selling engraved brick pavers. Bricks are still available for those who want to honor a relative or a friend or convey a message to those who have served in the armed services. Paver order forms may be downloaded on www.ccvmc.org or by calling Bill Ensign at 848-1283 or Jim White at 710-6135.



Carmel Community Honor Veterans

Mayor Jim Brainard and members of the local veterans' organizations joined together to honor military veterans at the City's annual Veterans Day Ceremony.

As part of the festivities, the city sponsored a poster and essay contest. The theme was "Stand Beside Them."

Guests attending the event were welcomed by Mayor Jim Brainard. Carmel resident, Wayne Long, WWII Veteran, delivered the keynote address, and the winners of the poster and essay contests were recognized. Student essay contest winners read their compositions. The winning posters were displayed at the City's Veteran's Day Ceremony and each student received a certificate of achievement from the Mayor.



The Actors Theatre of Indiana's "Andrews Sisters" performed for guests attending the Veteran's Day event.

A musical tribute to veterans was presented by the Carmel Elementary School Choir and the Actors Theatre of Indiana's own "Andrews Sisters" performed.

"It is important for us as a community to honor those who have served in our armed forces," said Mayor Brainard. "The sacrifices of our courageous veterans helped build this great nation, and their commitment continues to keep it strong. We owe them a great deal of gratitude."



Wilbur Beaver (back) and Fred Todd (front) from VFW Post 10003 and the American Legion Post 155 in Carmel stand at attention as the flags are presented at the annual Veteran's Day Ceremony.

Veterans Day Poster Winners

Kindergarten	Smokey Row	CJ Smith
1st Grade	Towne Meadow	Lily Nisenbaum
2nd Grade	Forest Dale	Will Staton
3rd Grade	West Clay	Tara Ramakrishnan
4th Grade	College Wood	Jenna Fattah
5th Grade	Forest Dale	Kaitlyn Mabie

Veterans Day Essay Contest Winners

6th Grade	Academy Plus	Charles Caspersen
7th Grade	Creekside Middle School	Chandler Cockrum
8th Grade	Clay Middle School	Radhika Agarwal
9th Grade	Academy Plus	Daniel Mieth
10th Grade	Walnut Grove	Stephanie Warner
11th Grade	Carmel High School	Alex Metz
12th Grade	Walnut Grove	Rebecca White



Mayor Jim Brainard congratulates Tara Ramakrishnan for winning the 3rd grade level of the Veteran's Day poster contest.

Carmel • Clay Parks & Recreation

Partner with Carmel Parks Department to Increase Your Company's Visibility

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation is the ideal partner to help you achieve your company's marketing goals! Corporate partner and sponsorship packages for Central Park and The Monon Center are currently being developed and information is available. For details, contact Sue Maki, Resource Development at 317-571-2486, or email her at smaki@carmel.in.gov. Information is also available at www.Carmelclayparks.com.

Thanks to our 2006 corporate sponsors!

**We appreciate your contributions
and continued support!**

Carmel Cycling and Fitness, Arbor Day

Chipotle, Tour de Carmel

Cinergy, Arbor Day

DeTrude & Company, General support

FC Tucker-Gina Lee, Arbor Day

Foresters, Movies in the Park & Shakespeare in the Park

Gelato da Vinci, Tour de Carmel

Indy Sports Chiropractic, Tour de Carmel

Irwin Union Bank, Arbor Day

JFNew, Arbor Day

JJR, Arbor Day

**Legacy Fund Community Foundation,
Shakespeare in the Park**

Nelson & Frankenberger, Arbor Day

QSP Printing, Arbor Day

Ranjit Puthran-Carmel Allstate Agency, Arbor Day

Schmidt & Associates, Arbor Day

St. Vincent Hospital Carmel,

On your Mark for the Parks & Tour de Carmel

Tuxedo Brothers, Arbor Day

Walker & Associates, General support

Williams Architects, Arbor Day

Will Wright Building Corporation, Arbor Day



Carmel Designated Bronze Level Bicycle Friendly Community



The League of American Bicyclists has designated Carmel a Bicycle Friendly Community at the bronze level. This award is presented only to communities with remarkable commitments to bicycling.

"We are excited to reach the bronze level," said Ron Carter, City Councilor and avid cyclist. "We continue to build bicycle paths, add bicycle lanes and increase bicycle trail connectivity throughout the City. This award demonstrates that we are making excellent progress towards our goal to make Carmel a safe, fun place to bicycle."



Annual Tour de Carmel Cycling Success

Nearly 1,300 bicyclists rode in the Tour de Carmel in September. The 10-mile and 20-mile routes wove through the streets, trails and parks of Carmel. The event was sponsored by Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation, St. Vincent Hospital Carmel, Chipotle, The Carmel Star, Carmel Landing, Gelato da Vinci, Indy Sports Chiropractic, Carmel Cycling & Fitness, Bike Line and Valley Bikes.

The Monon Center

AT CENTRAL PARK

Early Bird Memberships Now Available for The Monon Center

Next year's grand opening of Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation's The Monon Center is much anticipated. To celebrate the opening of this new facility, residents can take advantage of some special membership opportunities prior to the official opening of the center.

A Charter Passport is a membership to The Monon Center purchased before the official Center opening. Charter Passports, valid for one year from the official Center opening, will provide unlimited access to the following recreational venues:

- Outdoor aqua park
- Indoor aquatic center
- Fitness center
- Elevated walking/running track
- Locker rooms
- Open gym time in gymnasium with 3 regulation basketball courts



Charter Passport holders who purchase before December 31, 2006, will receive a fitness starter kit valued at \$100. In addition, Charter Passport members will enjoy a behind the scenes scheduled tour in January, February or March 2007. E-Updates that include advance notice of events, special engagements, clinics, construction updates, and grand openings will also be sent to Charter members.

For more information or to purchase your Charter Passport, visit online at www.carmelclayparks.com or in-person at Carmel Clay Parks Recreation Offices, 760 Third Avenue SW, Suite 100, Carmel, IN.

Community Events

Carmel Opens Visitors and Information Center



Carmel's Visitor and Information Center, located at 111 W. Main Street, Suite 140, is the place to go for information on the City's latest development plans, events and promotions throughout the Arts and Design District. In addition to functioning as a visitors and information center, this office houses the Carmel Redevelopment Commission.



Come in and find out more about Carmel!

The visitor and information center is open Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Upcoming 2007 Meetings

City Council Meeting Dates

The City Council meets on the first and third Mondays of the month at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall

January 8 & 22
February 5 & 19

Board of Public Works & Safety Meetings

The Board of Public Works meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 10 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall

January 3 & 17
February 7 & 21

Plan Commission

The Plan Commission meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall

January 16
February 20

Board of Zoning Appeals

The Board of Zoning Appeals meets the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Caucus Room

January 22
February 26

Watch City Council meetings live on Channel 16. Channel 21 replays City Council meetings every Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Check the City of Carmel website at www.carmel.in.gov for events, traffic updates and news.

City Hall will be closed on

Monday and Tuesday, December 25 & 26 for Christmas
and Monday, January 1 for New Year's Day



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